

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application, claim 5 having been cancelled without prejudice, and claim 10 having been added herein. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the interview on December 15, 2005. During the course of the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed certain claim amendments, which the Examiner indicated would appear to distinguish over the prior art of record. Applicant is submitting the above amendments in accordance with those discussions.

In particular, claim 1 now recites a sheet light emitting apparatus, including a light guiding plate of a translucent material and including light receiving and light emitting surfaces, a light source disposed to face the light receiving surface, and a plurality of kinds of prisms provided on the light receiving surface and having different apex angles. A size and a pitch of arrangement of at least one kind of prisms of the plurality of kinds of prisms are selected so that bright lines of translucent lights exiting the prisms are invisible, and the plurality of kinds of prisms comprises at least a first kind of prism and a second kind of

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prism, and the first and second kinds of prisms are arranged alternately with respect to each other. This is not taught, disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Omron (JP 10-199316). For completeness, the Applicant is submitting herein a copy of the English language translation obtained from the internet website IPDL. Applicant's representative was informed by the Examiner that he had considered this translation when applying this reference. Applicant respectfully submits that neither this translation nor the text of the Japanese's patent publication, as confirmed by Applicant's Japanese representative, discloses a plurality of kinds of prisms having different apex angles and arranged alternately with respect to each other, as is claimed in the amended claim 1. For this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the prior art of record.

Claims 2-4 and 6-10 depend from and include the recitations of claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are patentable in and of themselves and as they depend from and include the recitations of claim 1 which is patentable for the reasons discussed above.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal

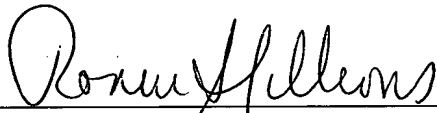
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of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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